

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
for the  
District of South Carolina

EDEN ROGERS; BRANDY WELCH,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

Case No.: 6:19-cv-01567-JD

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES; ALEX AZAR, *in his official capacity as Secretary of the*  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES; ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND  
FAMILIES, *UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND*  
*HUMAN SERVICES*; LYNN JOHNSON, *in her official capacity as*  
*Assistant Secretary of the ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND*  
*FAMILIES*; HENRY MCMASTER, *in his official capacity as*  
*Governor of the STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA*; and MICHAEL  
LEACH, *in his official capacity as State Director for the SOUTH*  
*CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES*,  
Defendants.

**SUMMARY JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL ACTION**

The court has ordered that (*check one*):

☐ the plaintiff (*name*) \_\_\_\_\_ recover from the defendant (*name*) \_\_\_\_\_ the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), which includes prejudgment interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_%, plus postjudgment interest at the date of \_\_\_\_\_%, along with costs.

☐ the plaintiff recover nothing, the action be dismissed on the merits, and the defendant (*name*) \_\_\_\_\_ recover costs from the plaintiff (*name*) \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ other: Summary Judgment is entered for Defendants', United States Department of Health and Human Services; Alex Azar, *in his Official Capacity as Secretary of the* United States Department of Health and Human Services; Administration for Children and Families, *United States Department of Health and Human Services*; Lynn Johnson, *in Her Official Capacity as Assistant Secretary of the Administration for Children and Families*; Henry McMaster, *in His Official Capacity as Governor of the State of South Carolina*; and Michael Leach, *in His Official Capacity as State Director for the South Carolina Department of Social Services*, and this case is dismissed.

This action was (*check one*):

☐ tried by a jury with Judge \_\_\_\_\_ presiding, and the jury has rendered a verdict.

☐ tried by Judge \_\_\_\_\_ without a jury and the above decision was reached.

☒ decided by the Honorable Joseph Dawson, III, United States District Judge, who grants Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment.

Robin L. Blume

CLERK OF COURT

September 29, 2023

By: s/Leah Gibbons, Deputy Clerk